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SUBJ: SOVIET PROPAGANDIST REMARKS ON CSCE

GENEVA FOR CSCE

1. A ZNANIYE (KNOWLDEGE) SOCIETY PROPAGANDIST SKETCHED
CURRENT STATE OF PLAY AT CONFERENCE ON SECURITY AND
COOPERATION IN EUROPE (CSCE) IN A MARCH 16 PRESENTATION IN
LENINGRAD. FOLLOWING IS AN ACCOUNT OF HIS REMARKS.

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2. GENEVA NEGOTIATIONS ARE PROCEEDING TOWARD SUCCESSFUL

COMPLETION. FIRST COMMISSION HAS AGREED ON ALMOST ALL RELEVANT PRINCIPLES AND A GENERAL DECLARATION. BUT THERE ARE TWO STUMBLING BLOCKS (KAMEN'PRETKNOVENIYA). ONE CONCERNS PROVISIONS FOR PEACEFUL CHANGE OF BORDERS. THE OTHER INVOLVES CONFIDENCE MEASURES, EG, MUTUAL NOTIFICATION ON MILITARY MANEUVERS, ETC. THE SECOND COMMISSION HAS BEEN MORE SUCCESSFUL. THE MAIN PROBLEM IS WITH THE MOST-FAVORED-NATION PRINCIPLE IN TRADE BECAUSE OF THE POSITION OF THE UNITED STATES. THE MOST INTENSE STRUGGLE HAS COME IN THE THIRD COMMISSION OVER SO-CALLED HUMANITARIAN QUESTIONS, EG, WIDENING EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION, PEOPLES, AND UNITING FAMILIES. PERHAPS THESE CAN BE RESOLVED THROUGH SOME FORM OF GENERAL RESOLUTION. A PARTICULAR QUESTION IS ESTABLISHMENT OF INFORMATION CENTERS IN EACH OTHER'S COUNTRIES. THESE EXIST IN SOME OF THE OTHER SOCIALIST COUNTRIES, BUT NOT IN THE SOVIET UNION. HOWEVER, SOVIET UNION WOULD NOT OPPOSE IF THERE ARE PROVISIONS TO PREVENT DISSEMINATION OF CERTAIN KINDS OF PROPAGANDA, EG, OF WAR-LIKE NATURE.

3. THE FRG IS MOST INTERESTED IN QUESTION OF PEACEFUL CHANGE OF BORDERS. FRG IS SEEKING WITH ITS FORMULATIONS TO PAVE WAY FOR FUTURE UNIFICATION OF TWO GERMANY'S. BUT THIS WILL NEVER OCCUR UNLESS SOMEDAY THERE IS A SOCIALIST REVOLUTION IN FRG. SOVIET UNION IS READY TO AGREE TO A FORMULATION ON THIS POINT PROVIDING THAT IT "EXCLUDES POSSIBILITY OF A NEW MUNICH." PEACEFUL CHANGES WOULD HAVE TO BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH NORMS OF INTERNATIONAL LAW, BASED ON FULL SOVEREIGNTY, AND SUBJECT TO INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION. IT IS LIKELY THAT THERE WILL BE AGREEMENT ON THIS RELATIVELY SOON.

4. CONFIDENCE MEASURES. SOVIET POSITION IS THAT USSR PREPARED TO MAKE NOTIFICATIONS, BUT EXACT ZONES CONCERNED MUST BE FIXED. THE WESTERN POWERS WANT THIS AREA TO INCLUDE ENTIRE EUROPEAN PART OF SOVIET UNION. THIS IS TOO BROAD. THERE IS ALSO QUESTION OF WHICH STATES TO INFORM AND WHAT PERIOD OF NOTIFICATION TO BE REQUIRED. SOVIET UNION IS PREPARED TO INFORM ALL STATES OF WARSAW PACT MANEUVERS, BUT WESTERN POWERS THUS FAR INSISTING ON LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AS MUCH AS TWO MONTHS' ADVANCE NOTIFICATION; THIS IS TOO LONG A PERIOD. IT IS DIFFICULT TO SAY WHEN THESE NEGOTIATIONS WILL BE COMPLETED. IF AGREEMENT BY CONSENSUS CAN BE REACHED, IT WILL THEN REQUIRE ABOUT TWO MONTHS TO COMPLETE THE NECESSARY FORMULATIONS.

5. SOVIET UNION WOULD LIKE TO CSCE TO FINISH ITS WORK IN FALL OF 1975 WITH CONVENING OF CONFERENCE'S THIRD STAGE

IN HELSINKI. THIS IS PARTICULARLY DESIRABLE IN YEAR OF
30TH ANNIVERSARY OF VICTORY IN GREAT FATHERLAND WAR AND
PREPARATIONS FOR 25TH PARTY CONGRESS.
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